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L6 14 SEA L5 AND CYCL?
L7 6 SEA L5 AND CIRC?
L8 15 SEA L6 OR L7
L9 21 SEA CONOTOXIN# (5A) CYCL?
L10 32 SEA L8 OR L9
L11 259 SEA CONOTOXIN?(5A) (DISULPHIDE# OR DISULFIDE#)
L12 8 SEA L11 AND KNOT
L13 40 SEA L10 OR L12
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L16 ANSWER 1 OF 33 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 1
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:112596 HCAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 136:320633
TITLE: Initial Disulfide Formation Steps in the Folding of an
.omega.-Conotoxin
AUTHOR(S): Price-Carter, Marian; Bulaj, Grzegorz; Goldenberg,
David P.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biology, University of Utah, Salt Lake
City, UT, 84112-0840, USA
SOURCE: Biochemistry (2002), 41(10), 3507-3519
CODEN: BICHAW; ISSN: 0006-2960
PUBLISHER: American Chemical Society
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB To det. whether the native **disulfides** of .omega.-
conotoxins are preferentially stabilized early in the folding of
these small proteins, the rates and equil. for disulfide formation were
measured for three analogs of .omega.-conotoxin MVIIA. In each analog,
one of the three pairs of disulfide-bonded Cys residues was replaced with
Ala residues, leaving four Cys residues that can form six intermediates
with one disulfide and three species with two disulfides. For each
analog, all of the disulfide-bonded species were identified, and the
equil. consts. for forming the individual species via exchange with
oxidized and reduced glutathione were measured. These equil. consts.
represent effective concns. of the Cys thiols and ranged from 0.01 to 0.4
M in the fully reduced protein. There was little or no preference for
forming the native disulfides, and the equil. for forming the first and
second disulfides decreased only slightly upon the addn. of 8 M urea. The
data for the four-Cys analogs, together with equil. data for the six-Cys
form, were also used to est. effective concns. for forming a third
disulfide once two native disulfides are present. These effective concns.
were approx. 100 and 10 M in the presence of 0 and 8 M urea, resp. The

results indicate that there is little or no preferential formation of native interactions in the folding of these mols. until two disulfides have formed, after which there is a high degree of cooperativity among the native interactions.

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L16 ANSWER 2 OF 33 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.DUPLICATE
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:221301 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200200221301
TITLE: **Circular** proteins: No end in sight.
AUTHOR(S): Trabi, Manuela (1); **Craik, David J.**
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Institute for Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD, 4072: d.craik@imb.uq.edu.au Australia
SOURCE: Trends in Biochemical Sciences, (March, 2002) Vol. 27, No. 3, pp. 132-138. <http://journals.bmn.com/journals/list/latest?jcode=tibs>. print.
ISSN: 0968-0004.
DOCUMENT TYPE: General Review
LANGUAGE: English

AB **Circular** proteins are a recently discovered phenomenon. They presumably evolved to confer advantages over ancestral linear proteins while maintaining the intrinsic biological functions of those proteins. In general, these advantages include a reduced sensitivity to proteolytic cleavage and enhanced stability. In one remarkable family of **circular** proteins, the **cyclotides**, the **cyclic** backbone is additionally braced by a knotted arrangement of disulfide bonds that confers additional stability and topological complexity upon the family. This article describes the discovery, structure, function and biosynthesis of the currently known **circular** proteins. The discovery of naturally occurring **circular** proteins in the past few years has been complemented by new chemical and biochemical methods to make synthetic **circular** proteins; these are also briefly described.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:546059 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200200546059
TITLE: Controlling the cysteine framework of N to C **cyclic** analogues of alpha-Conotoxin ImI.
AUTHOR(S): Armishaw, C. J. (1); Dutton, J. L. (1); Hogg, R. C.; Adams, D. J.; **Craik, D. J. (1)**; Alewood, P. F. (1)
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Institute for Molecular Bioscience, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD, 4072 Australia
SOURCE: Journal of Peptide Science, (2002) Vol. 8, No. Supplement, pp. S78. <http://www.interscience.wiley.com/jpages/1075-2617/>. print.
Meeting Info.: 27th European Peptide Symposium Sorrento, Italy August 31-September 06, 2002
ISSN: 1075-2617.
DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference
LANGUAGE: English

L16 ANSWER 4 OF 33 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:692447 HCAPLUS
TITLE: Antimicrobial and chemotactic activities of .omega.-**conotoxin cyclic** analogues

AUTHOR(S): Yang, Jin-Long; Lu, Yi-An; Wu, Chengwei; Tam, James P.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN, 37232, USA
 SOURCE: Peptides: The Wave of the Future, Proceedings of the Second International and the Seventeenth American Peptide Symposium, San Diego, CA, United States, June 9-14, 2001 (2001), 487-488. Editor(s): Lebl, Michal; Houghten, Richard A. American Peptide Society: San Diego, Calif.
 CODEN: 69DBAL; ISBN: 0-9715560-0-8
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference
 LANGUAGE: English

AB Three **cyclic** .omega.-**conotoxin** analogs were prepd. with different disulfide constraints to det. whether the open-chain .omega.-conotoxins are microbicidal and whether their activity can be improved by end-to-end cyclic analogs mimicking the plant macrocycles. The hemolytic and chemostatic activities of the .omega.-conotoxins were detd. attendant to membranolytic and defense mechanisms of antimicrobials. Solid-phase peptide synthesis method based on thia-zip cyclization was employed to synthesize 3 cyclic analogs cA1-cA3 based on .omega.-conotoxin MVIIA. Since the N- and C-termini of MVIIA are not spatially close, computer modeling showed that the end-to-end cyclization of the native MVIIA to cA1-cA3 imparts conformational changes even though their amino acid sequences are essentially similar. MVIIA was completely inactive against both Gram-neg. (E. coli) and Gram-pos. bacteria (Staphylococcus aureus) although it had marginally activity against fungi (C. kefyr). Analog cA1, a cyclized MVIIA with 2 disulfides displayed enhanced microbicidal activity against the 3 test organisms with MICs of 2-11 .mu.M. Reducing the conformational constraint of cA1 by replacing the Cys-15,25 disulfide by 2 Abu in cA2 lowered its potency 2-4-fold. Replacing the Cys-1,16 disulfide pair by Abu in cA3 also resulted in decreased antimicrobial activity compared to cA1 against S. aureus and C. kefyr, while activity against E. coli was retained. MVIIA and all 3 cyclic analogs showed low hemolytic activity and low toxicity on human erythrocytes. Chemotaxis based on monocyte migrations were cA1>cA3>cA2=MVIIA.

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L16 ANSWER 5 OF 33 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:692271 HCAPLUS
 TITLE: Synthesis of N to C terminal **cyclic** analogues of .alpha.-**conotoxin** ImI by chemoselective ligation of unprotected linear precursors
 AUTHOR(S): Armishaw, Christopher J.; Dutton, Julie; Hogg, Ron C.; Adams, David J.; **Craik, David J.**; Alewood, Paul F.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute for Molecular Bioscience, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, 4072, Australia
 SOURCE: Peptides: The Wave of the Future, Proceedings of the Second International and the Seventeenth American Peptide Symposium, San Diego, CA, United States, June 9-14, 2001 (2001), 113-114. Editor(s): Lebl, Michal; Houghten, Richard A. American Peptide Society: San Diego, Calif.
 CODEN: 69DBAL; ISBN: 0-9715560-0-8
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference
 LANGUAGE: English

AB The hypothesis that N to C terminal **cyclization** of ImI with insertion of a single amino acid or dipeptide space would further enhance its stability and potentially its bioavailability with minimal disruption to the native ImI structure was tested using two **cyclic** ImI analogs, cImI-A and cImI-AG. The two acyclic conopeptides were synthesized using a one-pot native chem. ligation strategy as the target mols. contain a convenient Gly-Cys ligation site. Following purifn., a series of trial **cyclizations** were attempted under various conditions. For both analogs, 0.1 M Tris + 2 M Gn.cntdot.HCl, pH 8.4 were most effective. CImI-AG displayed a mixt. of disulfide isomers in approx. 1:4:1 ratios, whereas cImI-A displayed one major isomer. The major product of each expt. was isolated and further characterized.

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L16 ANSWER 6 OF 33 SCISEARCH COPYRIGHT 2003 ISI (R)
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:696114 SCISEARCH
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 352KW
 TITLE: The cystine knot motif in toxins and implications for drug design
 AUTHOR: **Craik D J (Reprint); Daly N L; Wayne C**
 CORPORATE SOURCE: UNIV QUEENSLAND, CTR DRUG DESIGN & DEV, INST MOL BIOSCI, BRISBANE, QLD 4072, AUSTRALIA (Reprint)
 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: AUSTRALIA
 SOURCE: TOXICON, (JAN 2001) Vol. 39, No. 1, pp. 43-60.
 Publisher: PERGAMON-ELSEVIER SCIENCE LTD, THE BOULEVARD, LANGFORD LANE, KIDLINGTON, OXFORD OX5 1GB, ENGLAND.
 ISSN: 0041-0101.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal
 FILE SEGMENT: LIFE
 LANGUAGE: English
 REFERENCE COUNT: 69

ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS

AB The cystine knot structural motif is present in peptides and proteins from a variety of species, including fungi, plants, marine molluscs, insects and spiders. It comprises an embedded ring formed by two disulfide bonds and their connecting backbone segments which is threaded by a third disulfide bond. It is invariably associated with nearby beta-sheet structure and appears to be a highly efficient motif for structure stabilization. Because of this stability it makes an ideal framework for molecular engineering applications. In this review we summarize the main structural features of the cystine knot motif, focussing on toxin molecules containing either the inhibitor cystine knot or the **cyclic** cystine knot. Peptides containing these motifs are 26-48 residues long and include ion channel blockers, haemolytic agents, as well as molecules having antiviral and antibacterial activities. The stability of peptide toxins containing the cystine knot motif, their range of bioactivities and their unique structural scaffold can be harnessed for molecular engineering applications and in drug design. Applications of cystine knot molecules for the treatment of pain. and their potential use in antiviral and antibacterial applications are described. (C) 2000 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:191100 HCAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 132:237373
 TITLE: Preparation of **cyclized conotoxin** peptides
 INVENTOR(S): **Craik, David James; Daly, Norelle**

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): **Lee; Nielsen, Katherine Justine**
 SOURCE: University of Queensland, Australia
 PCT Int. Appl., 43 pp.
 CODEN: PIXXD2
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent
 LANGUAGE: English
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PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.:			AU 1998-5895	A 19980914
			WO 1999-AU769	W 19990914

AB **Cyclized conotoxin** peptides were prep'd. for the
 therapeutic treatment of mammals. Thus, **cyclo**
 [CKGKGAKCSRLMYDCCTGSCRSKGKCTRNGLPG], a **cyclic** analog of MVIIA
 having the linking moiety TRNGLPG, was prep'd. by the solid-phase method.
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L16 ANSWER 8 OF 33 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 3
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001081139 MEDLINE
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20552922 PubMed ID: 11101291
 TITLE: Three-dimensional solution structure of omega-conotoxin
 TxVII, an L-type calcium channel blocker.
 AUTHOR: Kobayashi K; Sasaki T; Sato K; Kohno T
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Mitsubishi Kasei Institute of Life Sciences, Minamiooya,
 Machida, Tokyo 194-8511, Japan.
 SOURCE: BIOCHEMISTRY, (2000 Dec 5) 39 (48) 14761-7.
 Journal code: 0370623. ISSN: 0006-2960.
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LANGUAGE: English
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals
 ENTRY MONTH: 200101
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AB We determined the three-dimensional structure of omega-conotoxin TxVII, a
 26-residue peptide that is an L-type calcium channel blocker, by (1)H NMR
 in aqueous solution. Twenty converged structures of this peptide were
 obtained on the basis of 411 distance constraints obtained from nuclear
 Overhauser effect connectivities, 20 torsion angle constraints, and 21
 constraints associated with hydrogen bonds and disulfide bonds. The

root-mean-square deviations about the averaged coordinates of the backbone atoms (N, C(alpha), C, and O) and all heavy atoms were 0.50 +/- 0.09 A and 0.99 +/- 0.13 A, respectively. The structure of omega-conotoxin TxVII is composed of a triple-stranded antiparallel beta-sheet and four turns. The three **disulfide** bonds in omega-conotoxin TxVII form the classical cystine **knot** motif of toxic or inhibitory polypeptides. The overall folding of omega-conotoxin TxVII is similar to those of the N-type calcium channel blockers, omega-conotoxin GVIA and MVIIA, despite the low amino acid sequence homology among them. omega-Conotoxin TxVII exposes many hydrophobic residues to a certain surface area. In contrast, omega-conotoxin GVIA and MVIIA expose basic residues in the same way as omega-conotoxin TxVII. The channel binding site of omega-conotoxin TxVII is different from those of omega-conotoxin GVIA and MVIIA, although the overall folding of these three peptides is similar. The gathered hydrophobic residues of omega-conotoxin TxVII probably interact with the hydrophobic cluster of the alpha(1) subunit of the L-type calcium channel, which consists of 13 residues located in segments 5 and 6 in domain III and in segment 6 in domain IV.

L16 ANSWER 9 OF 33 SCISEARCH COPYRIGHT 2003 ISI (R)
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:110058 SCISEARCH
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 274RR
 TITLE: Charged residues in P-S6 **linkers** critical for mu-**conotoxin** block or rat skeletal muscle Na channel pore.
 AUTHOR: Li R A (Reprint); Velez P; Tomaselli G F; Marban E
 CORPORATE SOURCE: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV, SCH MED, BALTIMORE, MD 21205
 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: USA
 SOURCE: BIOPHYSICAL JOURNAL, (JAN 2000) Vol. 78, No. 1, Part 2, pp. PO511-PO511.
 Publisher: BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY, 9650 ROCKVILLE PIKE, BETHESDA, MD 20814-3998.
 ISSN: 0006-3495.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference; Journal
 FILE SEGMENT: LIFE
 LANGUAGE: English
 REFERENCE COUNT: 0

L16 ANSWER 10 OF 33 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:323977 HCAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 133:148851
 TITLE: Synthesis and antibody recognition of mucin 1 (MUC1)-.alpha.-conotoxin chimera
 AUTHOR(S): Drakopoulou, Eugenia; Uray, Katalin; Mezo, Gabor; Price, Michael R.; Vita, Claudio; Hudecz, Ferenc
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Departement d'Ingenierie et d'Etudes des Proteines, CEA, Gif-sur-Yvette, Fr.
 SOURCE: Journal of Peptide Science (2000), 6(4), 175-185
 CODEN: JPSIEI; ISSN: 1075-2617
 PUBLISHER: John Wiley & Sons Ltd.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
 LANGUAGE: English
 AB The authors synthesized and characterized new chimera peptides by inserting an epitope of the mucin 1 glycoprotein (MUC1) as a "guest" sequence in the "host" structure of .alpha.-conotoxin GI, a 13-residue peptide (ECCNPACGRHYSC) isolated from the venom of Conus geographus. The Pro-Asp-Thr-Arg (PDTR) sequence of MUC1 selected for these studies is highly hydrophilic and adopts a .beta.-turn conformation. The .alpha.-conotoxin GI also contains a .beta.-turn in the 8-12 region, which

is stabilized by two disulfide bridges in positions 2-7 and 3-13. Thus, the tetramer sequence of .alpha.-conotoxin, Arg9-His-Tyr-Ser12, has been replaced by PDTR, comprising the minimal epitope for MUC1 specific monoclonal antibodies (MAbs) HMFG1 (PDTR) and HMFG2 (DTR). Synthesis of the chimera peptide was carried out by Fmoc strategy on (4-(2',4'-dimethoxyphenyl-aminomethyl)phenoxy) (Rink) resin and either 5,5'-dithio-bis(2-nitrobenzoic acid) (DTNB) or air oxidn. was applied for the formation of the first Cys3-Cys13 or Cys2-Cys7 disulfide bridge, resp. For the second disulfide bridge, three different oxidn. procedures (iodine in acetic acid, 10% DMSO/1 M HCl or tallium trifluoroacetate (Tl(tfa)3) in TFA) were utilized. The HPLC purified peptides were characterized by electrospray mass spectrometry (ES-MS) and amino acid anal. The CD spectra of the bicyclic MUC1-.alpha.-[Tyr1]-conotoxin chimera peptide showed partially ordered conformation with turn character. In antibody binding studies, the RIA data showed that both the linear and the bicyclic forms of MUC1-.alpha.-[Tyr1]-conotoxin chimera were recognized by MAb HMFG1 specific for PDTR sequence, while no binding was obsd. between MAb HMFG2 and various forms of the chimera. MAb HMFG1, using synthetic epitope conjugates or native MUC1 as target antigens, recognizes the PDTR motif more efficiently in the linear than in the bicyclic compd., but no reactivity was found with the monocyclic forms of MUC1-.alpha.-[Tyr1]-conotoxin chimera, underlining the importance of certain conformers stabilized by double cyclization.

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L16 ANSWER 11 OF 33 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS DUPLICATE 4
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:536126 HCAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 133:292127
 TITLE: The cyclic contryphan motif CPxXPXC, a robust scaffold potentially useful as an .omega.-conotoxin mimic
 AUTHOR(S): Pallaghy, Paul K.; Norton, Raymond S.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Biomolecular Research Institute, Parkville, 3052, Australia
 SOURCE: Biopolymers (2000), 54(3), 173-179
 CODEN: BIPMAA; ISSN: 0006-3525
 PUBLISHER: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
 LANGUAGE: English

AB Contryphan-R, from venom of the cone-shell *Conus radiatus*, represents a novel cyclic peptide scaffold onto which residues may be grafted to mimic unrelated protein surfaces. Three substitutions were made at the x and X positions of the disulfide-bridged motif CPxXPXC, where X and x represent any L- and D-handed residues, resp., P represents proline or hydroxyproline, and C a half-cystine. These substitutions were designed to mimic part of the pharmacophore of the unrelated globular polypeptide .omega.-conotoxin GVIA, which blocks N-type calcium channels. The structure of this engineered contryphan, YNK-contryphan-R ([DTyr 4, Asn 5, Lys 7]contryphan-R), is shown to be similar to that of native contryphan-R, confirming that the scaffold is robust with respect to the multiple substitutions. In particular, the .alpha.-.beta. bond vectors characterizing the orientation of the side chains relative to the backbone are similar in contryphan-R, YNK-contryphan-R, and .omega.-conotoxin GVIA, which is the required result for a scaffold-based approach to mol. design. The soln. structure of YNK-contryphan-R has an N-terminal, nonhydrogen-bonded, chain reversal centered on Hyp 3-DTrp 4, and a C-terminal type 1 .beta.-turn. A minor form due to cis-trans isomerism of the Hyp2Cys 3 peptide bond is present in YNK-contryphan-R in a larger proportion than in contryphan-R. It is evident, particularly from the

3JH.alpha.HN coupling consts., that YNK-contryphan-R is more flexible than contryphan-R, probably due to the absence in YNK-contryphan-R of the Pro-Trp packing present in the native mol. Nevertheless, the structure confirms that cyclic peptide mol. can achieve the intended conformations.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:153502 BIOSIS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000153502

TITLE: Charged residues in P-S6 **linkers** critical for mu-
conotoxin block of rat skeletal muscle Na channel pore.

AUTHOR(S): Li, Ronald A. (1); Velez, P. (1); Tomaselli, G. F. (1); Marban, E. (1)

CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, 21205 USA

SOURCE: Biophysical Journal., (Jan., 2000) Vol. 78, No. 1 Part 2, pp. 87A.

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L16 ANSWER 13 OF 33 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2003 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000288969 EMBASE

TITLE: The cystine knot motif in toxins and implications for drug design.

AUTHOR: **Craik D.J.; Daly N.L.;** Wayne C.

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SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB The cystine knot structural motif is present in peptides and proteins from a variety of species, including fungi, plants, marine molluscs, insects and spiders. It comprises an embedded ring formed by two disulfide bonds and their connecting backbone segments which is threaded by a third disulfide bond. It is invariably associated with nearby .beta.-sheet structure and appears to be a highly efficient motif for structure stabilization. Because of this stability it makes an ideal framework for molecular engineering applications. In this review we summarize the main structural features of the cystine knot motif, focussing on toxin molecules containing either the inhibitor cystine knot or the **cyclic** cystine knot. Peptides containing these motifs are 26-48 residues long and include ion channel blockers, haemolytic agents, as well as molecules having antiviral and antibacterial activities. The stability of peptide toxins containing the cystine knot motif, their range of

bioactivities and their unique structural scaffold can be harnessed for molecular engineering applications and in drug design. Applications of cystine knot molecules for the treatment of pain, and their potential use in antiviral and antibacterial applications are described. (C) 2000 Elsevier Science Ltd.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:799423 HCAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 132:194650
TITLE: Controlled syntheses of natural and disulfide-mispaired regioisomers of .alpha.-conotoxin SI
AUTHOR(S): Hargittai, B.; Barany, G.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Chemistry, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 55455-0431, USA
SOURCE: Journal of Peptide Research (1999), 54(6), 468-479
CODEN: JPERFA; ISSN: 1397-002X
PUBLISHER: Munksgaard International Publishers Ltd.
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English

AB Methods are reported for the unambiguous syntheses of all three possible disulfide regioisomers with the sequence of .alpha.-conotoxin SI, a tridecapeptide amide from marine cone snail venom that binds selectively to the muscle subtype of nicotinic acetylcholine receptors. The naturally occurring peptide has two "interlocking" disulfide bridges connecting Cys2-Cys7 and Cys3-Cys13 (2/7 & 3/13), while in the two mispaired isomers the disulfide bridges connect Cys2-Cys13 and Cys3-Cys7 (2/13 & 3/7, "nested") and Cys2-Cys3 and Cys7-Cys13 (2/3 & 7/13, "discrete"), resp. Alignment of disulfide bridges was controlled at the level of orthogonal protection schemes for the linear precursors, assembled by Fmoc solid-phase peptide synthesis on acidolyzable tris(alkoxy)benzylamide (PAL) supports. Side-chain protection of cysteine was provided by suitable pairwise combination of the S-9H-xanthen-9-yl (Xan) and S-acetamidomethyl (Acm) protecting groups. The first disulfide bridge was formed from the corresponding bis(thiol) precursor obtained by selective deprotection of S-Xan, and the second disulfide bridge was formed by orthogonal co-oxidn. of S-Acm groups on the remaining two Cys residues. It was possible to achieve the desired alignments with either order of loop formation (smaller loop before larger, or vice versa). The highest overall yields were obtained when both disulfides were formed in soln., while expts. where either the first or both bridges were formed while the peptide was on the solid support revealed lower overall yields and poorer selectivities towards the desired isomers.

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L16 ANSWER 15 OF 33 MEDLINE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999143291 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99143291 PubMed ID: 9986713
TITLE: Structure-activity studies of conantokins as human N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor modulators.
AUTHOR: Nielsen K J; Skjaerbaek N; Dooley M; Adams D A; Mortensen M; Dodd P R; Craik D J; Alewood P F; Lewis R J
CORPORATE SOURCE: Centre for Drug Design and Development, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland 4072, Australia.
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, (1999 Feb 11) 42 (3) 415-26.
Journal code: 9716531. ISSN: 0022-2623.

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AB The activities of conantokin-G (con-G), conantokin-T (con-T), and several novel analogues have been studied using polyamine enhancement of [3H]MK-801 binding to human glutamate-N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptors, and their structures have been examined using CD and 1H NMR spectroscopy. The potencies of con-G[A7], con-G, and con-T as noncompetitive inhibitors of spermine-enhanced [3H]MK-801 binding to NMDA receptor obtained from human brain tissue are similar to those obtained using rat brain tissue. The secondary structure and activity of con-G are found to be highly sensitive to amino acid substitution and modification. NMR chemical shift data indicate that con-G, con-G[D8, D17], and con-G[A7] have similar conformations in the presence of Ca²⁺. This consists of a helix for residues 2-16, which is kinked in the vicinity of Glu10. This is confirmed by 3D structure calculations on con-G[A7]. Restraining this helix in a linear form (i.e., con-G[A7,E10-K13]) results in a minor reduction in potency. Incorporation of a 7-10 salt-bridge replacement (con-G[K7-E10]) prevents helix formation in aqueous solution and produces a peptide with low potency. Peptides with the Leu5-Tyr5 substitution also have low potencies (con-G[Y5,A7] and con-G[Y5,K7]) indicating that Leu5 in con-G is important for full antagonist behavior. We have also shown that the Glu-Ala7 substitution increases potency, whereas the Glu-Lys7 substitution has no effect. Con-G and con-G[K7] both exhibit selectivity between NMDA subtypes from mid-frontal and superior temporal gyri, but not between sensorimotor and mid-frontal gyri. Asn8 and/or Asn17 appear to be important for the ability of con-G to function as an inhibitor of polyamine-stimulated [3H]MK-801 binding, but not in maintaining secondary structure. The presence of Ca²⁺ does not increase the potencies of con-G and con-T for NMDA receptors but does stabilize the helical structures of con-G, con-G[D8,D17], and, to a lesser extent, con-G[A7]. The NMR data support the existence of at least two independent Ca²⁺-chelating sites in con-G, one involving Glu7 and possibly Glu3 and the other likely to involve Glu10 and/or Glu14.

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TITLE: A single amino acid substitution in the alpha1B calcium channel domain III S5-S6 **linker** increases affinity and reversibility for omega-**conotoxin** GVIA.

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THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 239FY
TITLE: Role of disulfide bridges in the folding, structure and
biological activity of omega-conotoxin GVIA
AUTHOR: Flinn J P; Pallaghy P K; Lew M J; Murphy R; Angus J A;
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3052, AUSTRALIA
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MOLECULAR ENZYMOLOGY, (14 SEP 1999) Vol. 1434, No. 1, pp.
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AB omega-Conotoxin GVIA (GVIA), an N-type calcium channel blocker from the
cone shell *Conus geographus*, is a 27 residue polypeptide cross-linked by
three disulfide bonds. Here, we report the synthesis, structural analysis
by H-1 NMR and bioassay of analogues of GVIA with disulfide bridge
deletions and N- and C-terminal truncations. Two analogues that retain the
crucial Lys-2 and Tyr-13 residues in loops constrained by two native
disulfide bridges were synthesised using orthogonal protection of cysteine
residues. In the first analogue, the Cys-15-Cys-26 disulfide bridge was
deleted (by replacing the appropriate Cys residues with Ser), while in the
second, this disulfide bridge and the eight C-terminal residues were
deleted. No activity was detected for either analogue in a rat vas
deferens assay, which measures N-type calcium channel activity in
sympathetic nerve, and NMR studies showed that this was due to a gross
loss of secondary and tertiary structure. Five inactive analogues that
were synthesised without orthogonal protection of Cys residues as part of
a previous study (Flinn et al. (1995) J. Pept. Sci. 1, 379-384) were also
investigated. Three had single disulfide deletions (via Ser substitutions)
and two had N- or C-terminal deletions in addition to the disulfide
deletion. Peptide mapping and NMR analyses demonstrated that at least four
of these analogues had non-native disulfide pairings, which presumably
accounts for their lack of activity. The NMR studies also showed that all
five analogues had substantially altered tertiary structures, although the
backbone chemical shifts and nuclear Overhauser enhancements (NOEs)
implied that native-like turn structures persisted in some of these
analogues despite the non-native disulfide pairings. This work
demonstrates the importance of the **disulfides** in omega-
conotoxin folding and shows that the Cys-15-Cys-26 disulfide is
essential for activity in GVIA. The NMR analyses also emphasise that
backbone chemical shifts and short- and medium-range NOEs are dictated
largely by local secondary structure elements and are not necessarily
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 TITLE: Three-dimensional solution structure of alpha-**conotoxin** MII by NMR spectroscopy: Effects of solution environment on helicity.
 AUTHOR(S): Hill, Justine M.; Oomen, Clasien J.; Miranda, Les P.; Bingham, Jon-Paul; Alewood, Paul F.; **Craik, David J.**
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Centre Drug Design Dev., Univ. Queensland, Brisbane, QLD 4072 Australia
 SOURCE: Biochemistry, (Nov. 10, 1998) Vol. 37, No. 45, pp. 15621-15630.
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 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article
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 AB **alpha-Conotoxin** MII, a 16-residue polypeptide from the venom of the piscivorous cone snail *Conus magus*, is a potent and highly specific blocker of mammalian neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptors composed of alpha3beta2 subunits. The role of this receptor type in the modulation of neurotransmitter release and its relevance to the problems of addiction and psychosis emphasize the importance of a structural understanding of the mode of interaction of MII with the alpha3beta2 interface. Here we describe the three-dimensional solution structure of MII determined using 2D 1H NMR spectroscopy. Structural restraints consisting of 376 interproton distances inferred from NOEs and 12 dihedral restraints derived from spin-spin coupling constants were used as input for simulated annealing calculations and energy minimization in the program X-PLOR. The final set of 20 structures is exceptionally well-defined with mean pairwise rms differences over the whole molecule of 0.07 ANG for the backbone atoms and 0.34 ANG for all heavy atoms. MII adopts a compact structure incorporating a central segment of alpha-helix and beta-turns at the N- and C-termini. The molecule is stabilized by two disulfide bonds, which provide cross-links between the N-terminus and both the middle and C-terminus of the structure. The susceptibility of the structure to conformational change was examined using several different solvent conditions. While the global fold of MII remains the same, the structure is stabilized in a more hydrophobic environment provided by the addition of acetonitrile or trifluoroethanol to the aqueous solution. The distribution of amino acid side chains in MII creates distinct hydrophobic and polar patches on its surface that may be important for the specific interaction with the alpha3beta2 neuronal nAChR. A comparison of the structure of MII with other neuronal-specific **alpha-conotoxins** provides insights into their mode of interaction with these receptors.

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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 130:177281
 TITLE: Stimulation of airway sensory nerves by cyclosporin A and FK506 in guinea pig isolated bronchus
 AUTHOR(S): Harrison, S.; Reddy, S.; Page, C. P.; Spina, D.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: The Sackler Institute of Pulmonary Pharmacology, Department of Respiratory Medicine, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, SE5 9PJ, UK
 SOURCE: British Journal of Pharmacology (1998), 125(7), 1405-1412
 CODEN: BJPCBM; ISSN: 0007-1188
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 LANGUAGE: English
 AB We have investigated the contractile property of cyclosporin A and FK506

in guinea-pig isolated bronchus. Cyclosporin A failed to significantly attenuate the excitatory non-adrenergic non-cholinergic (eNANC) and cholinergic contractile response (per cent methacholine Emax) induced by elec. field stimulation (EFS). In contrast, eNANC responses were significantly attenuated by both the neurokinin (NK)-1 and (NK)-2 receptor antagonists, N-acetyl-L-tryptophan 3,5-bis (trifluoromethyl)-benzyl and SR48968, resp. Cyclosporin A and FK506 caused a concn.-dependent contraction in guinea-pig isolated bronchus, which was significantly attenuated by NK-1 and NK-2 receptor antagonists. The capsaicin receptor antagonist, capsazepine (10 .mu.M) significantly reduced the contractile response to cyclosporin A and capsaicin, but not to FK506. The N-type calcium channel blocker, .omega.-Contoxin (.omega.CTX: 10 nM), significantly reduced the contractile response to FK506 and the eNANC response following EFS. In contrast, .omega.-CTX failed to significantly reduce the contractile potency to capsaicin or cyclosporin A. In bronchial preps. desensitized by repeated application of capsaicin (1 .mu.M), the contractile responses to both cyclosporin A (100 .mu.M) and FK506 (100 .mu.M), were significantly reduced. In contrast, the contractile responses to substance P and neurokinin A (10 .mu.M) were not altered. Furthermore, repeated application of cyclosporin A (100 .mu.M) significantly inhibited the contractile response to capsaicin (1 .mu.M). The findings from this study would indicate that cyclosporin A and FK506 mediate contraction of guinea-pig isolated bronchus secondary to the release of neuropeptides from airway sensory nerves. However, the release of sensory neuropeptides appears to be mediated via different mechanisms for cyclosporin A and FK506, the former by stimulation of the vanilloid receptor and the latter via opening of N-type calcium channels.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98239743 PubMed ID: 9571060
TITLE: Structure determination of the three disulfide bond isomers of alpha-conotoxin GI: a model for the role of disulfide bonds in structural stability.
AUTHOR: Gehrman J; Alewood P F; Craik D J
CORPORATE SOURCE: Centre for Drug Design and Development, University of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD 4072, Australia.
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1998 May 1) 278 (2) 401-15. Journal code: 2985088R. ISSN: 0022-2836.
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AB The three possible disulfide bonded isomers of alpha-conotoxin GI have been selectively synthesised and their structures determined by 1H NMR spectroscopy. alpha-Conotoxin GI derives from the venom of Conus geographus and is a useful neuropharmacological tool as it selectively binds to the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR), a ligand-gated ion channel involved in nerve signal transmission. The peptide has the sequence ECCNPACGRHYSC-NH2, and the three disulfide bonded isomers are referred to as GI(2-7;3-13), GI(2-13;3-7) and GI(2-3;7-13). The NMR structure for the native isomer GI(2-7;3-13) is of excellent quality, with a backbone pairwise RMSD of 0.16 A for a family of 35

structures, and comprises primarily a distorted 310 helix between residues 5 to 11. The two non-native isomers exhibit multiple conformers in solution, with the major populated forms being different in structure both from each other and from the native form. Structure-activity relationships for the native GI(2-7;3-13) as well as the role of the disulfide bonds on folding and stability of the three isomers are examined. It is concluded that the disulfide bonds in alpha-**conotoxin** GI play a crucial part in determining both the structure and stability of the peptide. A trend for increased conformational heterogeneity was observed in the order of GI(2-7;3-13) < GI(2-13;3-7) < GI(2-3;7-13). It was found that the peptide bond joining Cys2 to Cys3 in GI(2-3;7-13) is predominantly trans, rather than cis as theoretically predicted. These structural data are used to interpret the varying nAChR binding of the non-native forms. A model for the binding of native GI(2-7;3-13) to the mammalian nAChR is proposed, with an alpha-subunit binding face made up of Cys2, Asn4, Pro5, Ala6 and Cys7 and a selectivity face, comprised of Arg9 and His10. These two faces orient the molecule between the alpha and delta subunits of the receptor. The structure of the CCNPAC sequence of the native GI(2-7;3-13) is compared to the structure of the identical sequence from the toxic domain of heat-stable enterotoxins, which forms part of the receptor binding region of the enterotoxins, but which has a different disulfide connectivity.

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 TITLE: Crystal structure at 1.1 A resolution of alpha-**conotoxin** PnIB: comparison with alpha-**conotoxins** PnIA and GI.
 AUTHOR: Hu S H; Gehrmann J; Alewood P F; **Craik D J**; Martin J L
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Centre for Drug Design and Development, University of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD 4072 Australia.
 SOURCE: BIOCHEMISTRY, (1997 Sep 23) 36 (38) 11323-30.
 Journal code: 0370623. ISSN: 0006-2960.
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States
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 LANGUAGE: English
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 AB **Conotoxins** are small, cysteine-rich peptides isolated from the venom of *Conus* spp. of predatory marine snails, which selectively target specific receptors and ion channels critical to the functioning of the neuromuscular system. alpha-**Conotoxins** PnIA and PnIB are both 16-residue peptides (differing in sequence at only two positions) isolated from the molluscivorous snail *Conus pennaceus*. In contrast to the muscle-selective alpha-**conotoxin** GI from *Conus geographus*, PnIA and PnIB block the neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR). Here, we describe the crystal structure of PnIB, solved at a resolution of 1.1 A and phased using the Shake-and-Bake direct methods program. PnIB crystals are orthorhombic and belong to the space group P212121 with the following unit cell dimensions: a = 14.6 A, b = 26.1 A, and c = 29.2 A. The final refined structure of alpha-**conotoxin** PnIB includes all 16 residues plus 23 solvent molecules and has an overall R-factor of 14.7%

(R-free of 15.9%). The crystal structures of the alpha-conotoxins PnIB and PnIA are solved from different crystal forms, with different solvent contents. Comparison of the structures reveals them to be very similar, showing that the unique backbone and disulfide architecture is not strongly influenced by crystal lattice constraints or solvent interactions. This finding supports the notion that this structural scaffold is a rigid support for the presentation of important functional groups. The structures of PnIB and PnIA differ in their shape and surface charge distribution from that of GI.

L16 ANSWER 22 OF 33 MEDLINE
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 97153002 MEDLINE
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97153002 PubMed ID: 8999936
 TITLE: Determination of the solution structures of conantokin-G and conantokin-T by CD and NMR spectroscopy.
 AUTHOR: Skjaerbaek N; **Nielsen K J**; Lewis R J; Alewood P; **Craik D J**
 CORPORATE SOURCE: The Centre for Drug Design and Development, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Qld 4072, Australia.
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1997 Jan 24) 272 (4) 2291-9.
 Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258.
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AB Conantokin-G and conantokin-T are two paralytic polypeptide toxins originally isolated from the venom of the fish-hunting cone snails of the genus Conus. Conantokin-G and conantokin-T are the only naturally occurring peptidic compounds which possess N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor antagonist activity, produced by a selective non-competitive antagonism of polyamine responses. They are also structurally unusual in that they contain a disproportionately large number of acid labile post-translational gamma-carboxyglutamic acid (Gla) residues. Although no precise structural information has previously been published for these peptides, early spectroscopic measurements have indicated that both conantokin-G and conantokin-T form alpha-helical structures, although there is some debate whether the presence of calcium ions is required for these peptides to adopt this fold. We now report a detailed structural study of synthetic conantokin-G and conantokin-T in a range of solution conditions using CD and 1H NMR spectroscopy. The three-dimensional structures of conantokin-T and conantokin-G were calculated from 1H NMR-derived distance and dihedral restraints. Both conantokins were found to contain a mixture of alpha- and 310 helix, that give rise to curved and straight helical conformers. Conantokin-G requires the presence of divalent cations (Zn²⁺, Ca²⁺, Cu²⁺, or Mg²⁺) to form a stable alpha-helix, while conantokin-T adopts a stable alpha-helical structure in aqueous conditions, in the presence or absence of divalent cations (Zn²⁺, Ca²⁺, Cu²⁺, or Mg²⁺).

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 97277241 MEDLINE
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 TITLE: Solution structure of the sodium channel antagonist

conotoxin GS: a new molecular caliper for probing sodium channel geometry.
 AUTHOR: Hill J M; Alewood P F; **Craik D J**
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Centre for Drug Design and Development The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, 4072, Australia.
 SOURCE: STRUCTURE, (1997 Apr 15) 5 (4) 571-83.
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AB BACKGROUND: The venoms of *Conus* snails contain small, disulfide-rich inhibitors of voltage-dependent sodium channels. **Conotoxin GS** is a 34-residue polypeptide isolated from *Conus geographus* that interacts with the extracellular entrance of skeletal muscle sodium channels to prevent sodium ion conduction. Although **conotoxin GS** binds competitively with mu **conotoxin** GIIIA to the sodium channel surface, the two toxin types have little sequence identity with one another, and **conotoxin GS** has a four-loop structural framework rather than the characteristic three-loop mu-**conotoxin** framework. The structural study of **conotoxin GS** will form the basis for establishing a structure-activity relationship and understanding its interaction with the pore region of sodium channels. RESULTS: The three-dimensional structure of **conotoxin GS** was determined using two-dimensional NMR spectroscopy. The protein exhibits a compact fold incorporating a beta hairpin and several turns. An unusual feature of **conotoxin GS** is the exceptionally high proportion (100%) of cis-imide bond geometry for the three proline or hydroxyproline residues. The structure of **conotoxin GS** bears little resemblance to the three-loop mu **conotoxins**, consistent with the low sequence identity between the two toxin types and their different structural framework. However, the tertiary structure and cystine-knot motif formed by the three disulfide bonds is similar to that present in several other polypeptide ion channel inhibitors. CONCLUSIONS: This is the first three-dimensional structure of a 'four-loop' sodium channel inhibitor, and it represents a valuable new structural probe for the pore region of voltage-dependent sodium channels. The distribution of amino acid sidechains in the structure creates several polar and charged patches, and comparison with the mu **conotoxins** provides a basis for determining the binding surface of the **conotoxin GS** polypeptide.

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 TITLE: Three-dimensional solution structure of mu-**conotoxin** GIIIB, a specific blocker of skeletal muscle sodium channels.
 AUTHOR: Hill J M; Alewood P F; **Craik D J**
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Centre for Drug Design and Development, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
 SOURCE: BIOCHEMISTRY, (1996 Jul 9) 35 (27) 8824-35.
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AB The three-dimensional solution structure of mu-conotoxin GIIIB, a 22-residue polypeptide from the venom of the piscivorous cone snail *Conus geographus*, has been determined using 2D 1H NMR spectroscopy. GIIIB binds with high affinity and selectivity to skeletal muscle sodium channels and is a valuable tool for characterizing both the structure and function of these channels. Structural restraints consisting of 289 interproton distances inferred from NOEs and 9 backbone and 5 side chain dihedral angle restraints from spin-spin coupling constants were used as input for simulated annealing calculations and energy minimization in the program X-PLOR. In addition to the 1H NMR derived information, the 13C resonances of GIIIB were assigned at natural abundance, and hydroxyproline C beta and C gamma chemical shifts were used to distinguish between the cis and trans peptide bond conformations. The final set of 20 structures had mean pairwise rms differences over the whole molecule of 1.22 A for the backbone atoms and 2.48 A for all heavy atoms. For the well-defined region encompassing residues 3-21, the corresponding values were 0.74 and 2.54 A, respectively. GIIIB adopts a compact structure consisting of a distorted 310-helix, a small beta-hairpin, a cis-hydroxyproline, and several turns. The molecule is stabilized by three disulfide bonds, two of which connect the helix and the beta-sheet, forming a structural core with similarities to the CS alpha beta motif [Cornet, B., Bonmatin, J.-M., Hetru, C., Hoffmann, J. A., Ptak, M., & Vovelle, F. (1995) Structure 3, 435-448]. This motif is common to several families of small proteins including scorpion toxins and insect defensins. Other structural features of GIIIB include the presence of eight arginine and lysine side chains that project into the solvent in a radial orientation relative to the core of the molecule. These cationic side chains form potential sites of interaction with anionic sites on sodium channels. The global fold is similar to that reported for mu-conotoxin GIIIA, and the structure of GIIIB determined in this study provides the basis for further understanding of the structure-activity relationships of the mu-conotoxins and for their binding to skeletal muscle sodium channels.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996:57187 BIOSIS
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 TITLE: Effect of OMEGA-conotoxin, a calcium channel blocker, on the circadian rhythm in rats.
 AUTHOR(S): Masutani, Hideki; Matsuda, Yoshihiro; Nagai, Katsuya; Nakagawa, Hachiro
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Div. Protein Metabolism, Inst. Protein Res., Osaka Univ., 3-2 Yamada-Oka, Suita, Osaka 565 Japan
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 LANGUAGE: English

AB Using an Alzet osmotic minipump, we examined the effect of continuous infusion of SIGMA-conotoxin, a N-type voltage-sensitive calcium channel blocker, into the third cerebral ventricle above the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) of the hypothalamus on the circadian drinking rhythm of rats

maintained under a 12-h light and 12-h dark **cycle** and constant darkness. **SIGMA-Conotoxin** (10⁻⁶ mol/h) infusion disrupted the rhythm in both conditions. In contrast, infusions of nifedipine (10⁻⁴ mol/h), a dihydropyridine sensitive L-type calcium channel blocker, did not eliminate the rhythm. These findings suggest that N-type voltage-sensitive calcium channels are involved in the mechanism of generation of the circadian rhythm driven by the circadian oscillator in the SCN.

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 TITLE: Characteristics of [125I]omega-**conotoxin** labeling using bifunctional cross **linker** DSP in crude membranes from chick brain.
 AUTHOR: Ichida S; Wada T; Akimoto T; Kasamatsu Y; Tahara M; Hasimoto K
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biological Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, Kinki University, Higashi-Osaka, Japan.
 SOURCE: NEUROCHEMICAL RESEARCH, (1995 Apr) 20 (4) 467-73. Journal code: 7613461. ISSN: 0364-3190.
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 AB Characteristic of [125I]omega-**conotoxin** (omega-CgTX) labeling using bifunctional cross **linker** (dithio bis[succinimidyl propionate]:DSP) was systematically investigated in crude membranes from chick whole brain. [125I]omega-CgTX specifically labeled 216 kDa as a main and 236 kDa as a minor bands in the crude membranes under non-reduced condition, but not labeled under reduced condition. We investigated the effect of various Ca channel antagonists on [125I]omega-CgTX labeling with DSP in detail, and found that there is a strong correlation between the effects of Ca channel antagonists on [125I]omega-CgTX labeling of the 216 kDa band and specific [125I]omega-CgTX binding. These results suggest that labeling of the 216 kDa band under non-reduced condition with [125I]omega-CgTX using DSP involves the specific binding sites of [125I]omega-CgTX, perhaps including one of the neuronal N-type Ca channel subunits in the crude membranes.

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 TITLE: CHARACTERISTICS OF SPECIFIC I-125 OMEGA-CONOTOXIN GVIA BINDING AND I-125 OMEGA-**CONOTOXIN** GVIA LABELING USING BIFUNCTIONAL CROSS-**LINKERS** IN CRUDE MEMBRANES FROM CHICK WHOLE-BRAIN
 AUTHOR: ICHIDA S (Reprint); WADA T; AKIMOTO T; KASAMATSU Y; TAHARA M; HASIMOTO K
 CORPORATE SOURCE: KINKI UNIV, FAC PHARM, DEPT BIOL CHEM, OSAKA, OSAKA 577, JAPAN (Reprint)
 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: JAPAN
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AB Characteristics of specific I-125-omega-conotoxin GVIA (I-125-omega-CgTX) binding and I-125-omega-CgTX labeling using bifunctional crosslinkers were systematically investigated in crude membranes from chick whole brain. Aminoglycosides and dynorphine A (1-13) inhibited the specific binding of I-125-omega-CgTX, but not that of the L-type calcium ion channel antagonist [H-3](+)PN200-110. It seems likely that the inhibitory effect of dynorphine A (1-13) does not involve kappa-opiate receptors, based on results with the opiate receptor antagonist naloxone and the kappa-opiate receptor agonist U50488H. Spider venom, Cd2+ and La3+ inhibited the specific binding of I-125-omega-CgTX, as well as that of [H-3](+)PN200-110. Various L-type Ca2+ channel antagonists did not affect the specific binding of I-125-omega-CgTX. I-125-omega-CgTX specifically labeled 135 kDa and 215 kDa bands in crude membranes under reduced and non-reduced conditions, respectively. The crosslinker disuccinimidyl suberate (DSS) yielded better I-125-omega-CgTX labeling than the other two crosslinkers tested. We investigated the effect of various Ca2+ channel antagonists on I-125-omega-CgTX labeling with DSS in detail, and found that there is a strong correlation between the effects of Ca2+ channel antagonists on I-125-omega-CgTX labeling of the 135 kDa band and specific I-125-omega-CgTX binding. These results suggest that aminoglycosides and dynorphine A (1-13) are specific inhibitors of specific I-125-omega-CgTX binding, and that labeling of the 135 kDa band with I-125-omega-CgTX using DSS involves the specific binding sites of (125)I-omega-CgTX, perhaps including one of the neuronal N-type Ca2+ channel subunits in the crude membranes.

L16 ANSWER 28 OF 33 MEDLINE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95152384 MEDLINE
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95152384 PubMed ID: 7849598
 TITLE: A common structural motif incorporating a cystine knot and a triple-stranded beta-sheet in toxic and inhibitory polypeptides.
 AUTHOR: Pallaghy P K; Nielsen K J; Craik D J; Norton R S
 CORPORATE SOURCE: NMR Laboratory, Biomolecular Research Institute, Parkville, Australia.
 SOURCE: PROTEIN SCIENCE, (1994 Oct) 3 (10) 1833-9.
 Journal code: 9211750. ISSN: 0961-8368.
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LANGUAGE: English
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AB A common structural motif consisting of a cystine knot and a small triple-stranded beta-sheet has been defined from comparison of the 3-dimensional structures of the polypeptides omega-conotoxin GVIA (Conus geographus), kalata BI (Oldenlandia affinis DC), and CMTI-I (Curcubita maxima). These 3 polypeptides have diverse biological activities and negligible amino acid sequence identity, but each contains 3 disulfide bonds that give rise to a cystine knot. This knot consists of a ring formed by the first 2 bonds (1-4 and 2-5) and the intervening

polypeptide backbone, through which the third disulfide (3-6) passes. The other component of this motif is a triple-stranded, anti-parallel beta-sheet containing a minimum of 10 residues, XXC2, XC5X, XXC6X (where the numbers on the half-cysteine residues refer to their positions in the disulfide pattern). The presence in these polypeptides of both the cysteine knot and antiparallel beta-sheet suggests that both structural features are required for the stability of the motif. This structural motif is also present in other protease inhibitors and a spider toxin. It appears to be one of the smallest stable globular domains found in proteins and is commonly used in toxins and inhibitors that act by blocking the function of larger protein receptors such as ion channels or proteases.

L16 ANSWER 29 OF 33 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992:526871 BIOSIS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: BA94:134946

TITLE: A NOVEL N18TG2 X MESENCEPHALON CELL HYBRID EXPRESSES PROPERTIES THAT SUGGEST A DOPAMINERGIC CELL LINE OF SUBSTANTIA NIGRA ORIGIN.

AUTHOR(S): CRAWFORD G D JR; LE W-D; SMITH R G; XIE W-J; STEFANI E; APPEL S H

CORPORATE SOURCE: DEP. NEUROL., BAYLOR COLL. MED., 6501 FANNIN NB302, HOUSTON, TEX. 77030.

SOURCE: J NEUROSCI, (1992) 12 (9), 3392-3398.

CODEN: JNRSDS. ISSN: 0270-6474.

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LANGUAGE: English

AB A dopaminergic neuroblastoma was derived using somatic cell fusion of rat embryonic mesencephalon cells and the murine neuroblastoma-glioma cell line N18TG2. The resulting interspecies hybrid, named MES23.5, has retained a stable phenotype and karyotype for a continuous culture period of 1 year. The hybrid exhibits several properties that suggest that the parent primary neurons originated in the substantia nigra. The cell line contains tyrosine hydroxylase, which is identifiable both by biochemical and immunological methods and synthesizes dopamine, but no other catecholamine. Additionally, the cell line expresses apparent voltage-gated CA2+ channels as measured by high-affinity .omega.-conotoxin binding. The MES23.5 .omega.-conotoxin receptors are of similar affinity class to those found in adult rat mesencephalon. No dihydropyridine receptors, as measured by PN200-100 ligand binding, are present. None of these properties are found in the N18TG2 parent. At least three neuronal features, namely, tyrosine hydroxylase, dopamine synthesis, and .omega.-conotoxin receptor expression, are quantitatively elevated after sustained treatment with cAMP analogs. The cell line expresses a complex range of neural properties found in the dopaminergic neurons of the substantia nigra, and may therefore be useful elucidating further details of their cell biology.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1990:80898 BIOSIS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: BR38:36488

TITLE: DIFFERENTIAL INHIBITION BY OMEGA CONOTOXIN OF CYCLIC GMP PRODUCTION IN CULTURED CEREBELLAR NEURONS.

AUTHOR(S): LYSKO P G; FEUERSTEIN G Z

CORPORATE SOURCE: DEP. NEUROL., USUHS, BETHESDA, MD. 20814.

SOURCE: 19TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, USA, OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 3, 1989. SOC NEUROSCI ABSTR, (1989) 15 (1), 354.

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FILE SEGMENT: BR; OLD
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 88157228 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 88157228 PubMed ID: 2450305
TITLE: Cyclic AMP facilitates slow-inactivating Ca²⁺ channel currents expressed by Xenopus oocyte after injection of rat brain mRNA.
AUTHOR: Kaneko S; Nomura Y
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pharmacology, Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University, Japan.
SOURCE: NEUROSCIENCE LETTERS, (1987 Dec 16) 83 (1-2) 123-7.
Journal code: 7600130. ISSN: 0304-3940.
PUB. COUNTRY: Ireland
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
LANGUAGE: English
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AB Properties of voltage-sensitive Ca²⁺ channels expressed in the Xenopus oocyte after injection of rat brain mRNA were investigated using the whole-cell voltage-clamp method as depolarization-induced Ba²⁺ current, IBa. The apparent decay profile of IBa was considered to be the sum of a transient current (tau approximately 0.4 s) and a more sustained current (tau approximately 4 s). The sustained component was isolated by a weak depolarization from -20 to 0 mV, only detected in the mRNA-injected cells, and rather sensitive to omega-conotoxin GVIA. Moreover, increases in cytosolic cyclic AMP caused potentiation of the long-lasting current. These results suggest that slow-inactivating states of transplanted Ca²⁺ channels are preferentially modulated by cyclic AMP-dependent protein kinase.

L16 ANSWER 32 OF 33 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1986:497955 HCAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 105:97955
TITLE: Conotoxin MI(B)-related compounds
INVENTOR(S): Sakakibara, Shunpei; Nishiuchi, Yuji
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Ajinomoto Co., Inc., Japan
SOURCE: Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho, 8 pp.
CODEN: JKXXAF
DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent
LANGUAGE: Japanese
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H-Arg-Cys (Acm) -Cys-His-Pro-Ala-Cys (Acm) -Gly-

Lys-Asn-Tyr-Ser-Cys-NH₂ I

Boc-Lys (ClZ) -Asn-Tyr (Cl₂Bzl) -Ser- (Bzl) -Cys (4-

MeBzl) -NH₂ II

Boc-Arg (Tos) -Cys (Acm) -Cys (4-MeBzl) -His-Pro-

Ala-Cys (Acm) -Gly-OH III

AB Muscle relaxant title compds. were prepd. via the usual peptide coupling procedures. E.g., the cyclic peptide I (Acm = AcNHCH₂), prepd. via condensation of pentapeptide deriv. II (Boc = Me₃CO₂C, ClZ = o-ClC₆H₄CH₂O₂C, Cl₂Bzl = 2,6-Cl₂C₆H₃CH₂, Bzl = PhCH₂) with octapeptide III (Tos = tosyl), was deprotected and **cyclized** to give Des-[Gly]-**conotoxin** M I(B), whose muscle relaxant activity was comparable to that of a tubocurarine deriv.

L16 ANSWER 33 OF 33 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 8
ACCESSION NUMBER: 86130500 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 86130500 PubMed ID: 2868714
TITLE: A rapid, sensitive mass spectrometric method for investigating microscale chemical reactions of surface adsorbed peptides and proteins.
AUTHOR: Chait B T; Field F H
SOURCE: BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS, (1986 Jan 14) 134 (1) 420-6.
Journal code: 0372516. ISSN: 0006-291X.
PUB. COUNTRY: United States
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
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AB A new mass spectrometric method for measuring the products of reactions of surface adsorbed peptides and proteins is described. The technique is rapid, convenient, and sensitive and provides detailed information concerning the molecular weights of the reaction products and the rate and extent of reaction. The properties of the technique are illustrated by an investigation of cleavage reactions of the disulfide bonds in bovine insulin, **cyclic** somatostatin, and **conotoxin** G1 utilizing the reducing agent dithiothreitol.